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SUBJECT: THE TWELVE: AN UPDATE

1. ON JULY 6, THE SECOND DAY WITH THE "THE TWELVE" BACK IN NICARAGUA, THEY CONFINED THEIR ACTIVITIES TO A RALLY AT THE RED CROSS HEAD-QUARTERS, WHERE PROTESTING JOURNALISTS, STUDENTS, AND CAMPESINOS ARE CONDUCTING A HUNGER STRIKE, FOLLOWED BY A CAVALCADE TO THE GRAVE OF PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO. APPROXIMATELY 200-300 PERSONS PARTICIPATED AND THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF DISTURBANCE, PROVOCATION OR HARASSMENT. ON JULY 8, "THE TWELVE" PLAN TO HOLD A MEETING IN LEON.

2. AT A LUNCHEON WITH INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS ON JULY 7, EMBOFFS WERE TOLD THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT POPULAR SUPPORT FOR "THE TWELVE." ADDITIONALLY, THEY APPEARED TO THINK THAT " THE TWELVE" AND PERSONS INVOLVED IN THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE BEING USED BY DEDICATED REVOLUTIONARIES.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE RETURN OF "THE TWELVE" IS FAILING
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TO IGNITE AN ANTI-SOMOZA SURGE. THROUGHOUT ALL EVENTS OF THE PAST DAYS, THE GON AND NATIONAL GUARD HAVE ACTED WITH RESTRAINT. EMBASSY'S OPINION IS THAT, WITHOUT FSLN ATTACKS OR OTHER PROVOCATIVE AGITATION, LITTLE OF SIGNIFICANCE WILL RESULT FROM THE RETURN OF "THE TWELVE." EMBASSY HAS HEARD THAT ONE OR TWO OF "THE TWELVE" HAVE TALKED OF ORGANIZING TAXPAYERS TO REFUSE TO PAY THEIR INCOME TAX. SHOULD AN ORGANIZED MANEUVER OF THIS TYPE OCCUR, IT WOULD BE

LATE SEPTEMBER BEFORE ITS EFFECTIVENESS COULD BE EVALUATED.
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